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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al.)

Serial No. 09/828,313)

Art Unit: 1638

Filed: April 5, 2001)

Examiner: Cynthia Collins

For: Protein Kinase Stress-Related)
Proteins and Methods of Use)
in Plants)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, a response to which is due February 2, 2003 with a one-month extension of time, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$110 to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 32-54 as follows:

32. (New) A transgenic plant cell transformed by a Protein Kinase Stress-Related Protein (PKSRP) coding nucleic acid, wherein expression of the PKSRP in the plant cell results in the

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 28, 2003.

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